

Drawing Amendments

Applicant requests the Examiner to enter the Replacement Drawing sheet attached hereto. Applicant has amended Figure 7 to include reference sign "44" which is disclosed on page 18, lines 10-17 of the application. Applicant has further amended Figure 7 to include the locking mechanism claimed in claimed 25, which is expressly disclosed in the specification on page 18, lines 15-17, page 21, lines 11-13, and page 23, lines 8-11.

Remarks

Examiner has allowed claims 35-41. Applicant has amended claims 35 and 39 to correct for minor grammatical errors. No substantive amendments have been made. Therefore, Applicant requests an allowance of claims 35-41.

Examiner has also indicated that claims 25, 42-47, and 51 would be allowed if claims 25, 42, 47, and 51 were rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten claims 25, 42, 47, and 51 by incorporating the base claim elements upon which each claim depends. No substantive amendments have been made. Therefore, Applicant requests an allowance of claims 25, 42-47, and 51.

Examiner objected to the disclosure based on informalities that have been amended pursuant to the requested specification amendments. Examiner has also objected to the drawings. Applicant responds to Examiner's drawing objections as follows:

1. According to Examiner, reference character "30" has been used to designate both a threaded portion in Fig. 2 and a v-wheel in Fig. 5. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The reference character "30" has been used to designate the profile of a v-wheel in Figure 2. While element 30 may appear similar to a "threaded portion", when read in light of the specification, one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that it is, in fact, a profile of a v-wheel.
2. According to Examiner, reference character "32" has been used to designate both a threaded foot in Fig. 2 and a track in Fig. 5. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The reference character "32" has been used to designate the profile of a track in Figure 2. While element 30 may appear similar to a "threaded foot", when read in light of the specification, one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that it is,

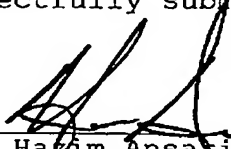
in fact, a profile of a track.

3. According to Examiner, reference sign "44" is not included in any of the figures. Applicant has submitted a replacement drawing for figure 7 that expressly discloses reference sign "44". No new matter has been entered.
4. According to Examiner, the locking mechanism claimed in claim 25 was not shown in the claims. Applicant has submitted a replacement drawing for figure 7 that expressly discloses the locking mechanism. No new matter has been entered.

While Applicant does not agree with Examiner's assessment and application of the prior art in its rejections of claims 1-24, 26-34, 48-50, and 52-54, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-24, 26-34, 48-50, and 52-54 to effectuate the issuance of this application. Applicant therefore respectfully requests Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in light of the amendments and remarks provided herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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